

**TOWN OF EFFINGHAM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2013

Selectmen present: Susan Slack  
Theresa Swanick  
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ossipee resident Robert Lemay attended the Selectmen's meeting seeking monetary compensation for damages to his vehicle, which he claims happened during a traffic stop. Mr. Lemay claims an Ossipee Police Officer, while assisting the part-time Effingham Police Officer, walked into the rear view mirror of his truck causing damage to it. After listening to Mr. Lemay and reviewing the police report the Board of Selectmen were not inclined to assign fault in the incident and instructed Mr. Lemay accordingly.

Emergency Management Director Randy Burbank and the Selectmen will be reviewing the Emergency Operations Plan at the meeting on January 22nd. Randy also noted members of the Fire Department would be meeting on Wednesday to take inventory at the fire station.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Selectman Slack read a letter of thanks to the ladies of Effingham from residents Virginia and Bill Wrabel. Virginia and Bill grew up in Newtown, Connecticut and lived their after marrying for 12 years. The Wrabels return to Newtown every Christmas to visit family and friends and after the devastation that occurred their, found themselves returning this year with mixed emotions. The Wrabels went on to explain when their neighbor Emelyn Albert heard they would be traveling to Connecticut and visiting their church in Newtown, she felt the need to do something for the town. Emelyn gathered up about 10 women from Effingham and baked 47 dozen beautifully decorated Christmas cookies and brownies, wrapped and bagged for the Newtown community. Mr. and Mrs. Wrabel were both humbled and proud to take the cookies to their former home town. Mr. and Mrs. Wrabel went on to thank the ladies for their thought and time and noted the cookies were warmly appreciated by a community in mourning.

Selectman Spencer commented on the need for the Board to disposition certain town owned properties. Some discussion ensued. The Selectmen agreed first to focus on the work necessary for the budget and town meeting. Town owned properties will be reviewed at a later date.

Selectman Slack reported F.R. Carroll will be looking at the second phase pavement on Town House Road to address their concerns as soon as possible.

**REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST**

The Board approved the Minutes of January 8th. The weekly manifest was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Selectman Swanick reminded board members of the meeting at the transfer station scheduled for Friday, January 18th at 9:00am. Members of the Board will meet with Todd Hagar of Atlantic Recycling Equipment and Electrician, Dana Amidon to review electrical work and upcoming transfer station improvements. Budgetary needs will be established as the Board will be preparing warrant articles for March Town Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Selectmen Slack noted a Selectmen's resolution will be needed to adopt the new FEMA floodplain maps.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION**

Selectmen met with the Budget Committee at 8:00pm to review the Selectmen's Budget.

**NON-PUBLIC**

Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 7:35pm and entered into non-public as requested by a property owner to discuss a property tax matter. The non-public meeting adjourned at 8:00pm and Selectmen reconvened with their regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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Susan Slack, Selectman

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Theresa Swanick, Selectman

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